

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library is a non-profit volunteer organization devoted to supporting Salem's library. We achieve our goals by focusing on three areas:

- Sponsoring library programs such as speakers, music groups, Story Time, and Summer Reading;
- Providing direct support for library services and facilities by funding museum passes, purchasing special items such as the DVD/CD restorer, supplementing town funds to enhance the collection, and providing "seed money" for new and innovative program ideas;
- Raising the community's awareness of how the library enriches the quality of life in Salem by reaching out to groups such as seniors and Salem School teachers, working with various groups in town, and conducting surveys and studies.

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History of the Friends

The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library was founded in a Salem living room in 1990. Originally started as a support organization, the group soon adopted the goal of building a new library. What seemed like an impossible dream in the early 1990's became a reality when the new building opened on December 13, 2004. Along that journey, The Friends made a \$15,000 direct donation, ran a fundraising drive that collected over \$120,000, and worked to get the referendum passed.

The Friends continue to support the library with contributions of funding and time. In recent years, the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library have provided at least \$10,000 worth of materials and services to the library annually and provided hundreds of hours of volunteer service! Join us and make a difference!